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An exciting new edition of the complete works of Shakespeare with these features: Illustrated with photographs from New York Shakespeare Festival productions, vivid readable readable introductions for each play by noted scholar David Bevington, a lively personal foreword by Joseph Papp, an insightful essay on the play in performance, modern spelling and pronunciation, up-to-date annotated bibliographies, and convenient listing of key passages.

作者简介

William Shakespeare was born in Stratford-upon-Avon in April1564, and his birth is traditionally celebrated on April 23. Thefacts of his life, known from surviving documents, are sparse. Hewas one of eight children born to John Shakespeare, a merchant of some standing in his community. William probably went to the King 's New School in Stratford, but he had no university education. InNovember 1582, at the age of eighteen, he married Anne Hathaway, eight years his senior, who was pregnant with their first child, Susanna. She was born on May 26, 1583. Twins, a boy, Hamnet (whowould die at age eleven), and a girl, Judith, were born in 1585. By1592 Shakespeare had gone to London working as an actor and alreadyknown as a playwright. A rival dramatist, Robert Greene, referredto him as "an upstart crow, beautified with our feathers." Shakespeare became a principal shareholder and playwright of thesuccessful acting troupe, the Lord Chamberlain 's Men (later underJames I, called the King 's Men). In 1599 the Lord Chamberlain 's Menbuilt and occupied the Globe Theater in Southwark near the ThamesRiver. Here many of Shakespeare 's plays were performed by the mostfamous actors of his time, including Richard Burbage, Will Kempe, and Robert Armin. In addition to his 37 plays, Shakespeare had ahand in others, including Sir Thomas More and The TwoNoble Kinsmen, and he wrote poems, including Venus and Adonis and The Rape of Lucrece. His 154 sonnets were published, probably without his authorization, in 1609. In 1611 or1612 he gave up his lodgings in London and devoted more and moretime to retirement in Stratford, though he continued writing suchplays as The Tempest and Henry VII until about 1613. He died on April 23 1616, and was buried in Holy Trinity Church, Stratford. No collected edition of his plays was published duringhis life-time, but in 1623 two members of his acting company, JohnHeminges and Henry Condell, put together the great collection nowcalled the First Folio.

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